

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: THORGEIRSSON ET AL. Examiner: MINH-TAM DAVIS  
Serial No.: 10/772,988 Group Art Unit: 1642  
Filed: FEBRUARY 5, 2004 Docket No.: 11613.29USD1  
Confirmation No.: 5511 Customer No.: 23552  
Title: cDNA ENCODING A GENE BOG (B5T OVER-EXPRESSED GENE)  
AND ITS PROTEIN PRODUCT

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

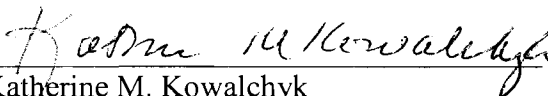
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed October 11, 2006, said period of response being extended from November 11, 2006 to December 11, 2006.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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